

Job Title: Billing Services Rep

Department: Customer Service

Reports To: Billing Supervisor

Pay Status: Non-Exempt

Date Created / Updated: 5/20/2022

Location: Main Office

Job Status: Full-Time

Job Grade: 209

Position Summary

The Billing Service Rep is responsible for accurate and timely billing of 3 utility services, water, electric and wastewater and two city services, garbage and recycling.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities.

- Analyze multiple meter reading verification reports for each route
- Awareness of current weather conditions and understanding of historical usage
- Research irregularities in electric, water and wastewater usage
- Verify and confirm reads using various software; MeterSense and Itron
- Knowledge of solar meters and billing and banking net usage
- Check high usage accounts for continuous usage indicating potential leaks
- Monitor vacant and disconnected accounts for usage, research unexplained usage and reach out to CS and Operations
- Estimate usage based on account history and NBU estimation guidelines
- Prorate usage based on read dates and service periods
- Strong knowledge and understanding of current rates, account classifications and misc fees added by multiple departments
- Ability to calculate charges manually using current rates and usage
- Ability to validate system prorated charges during rate changes
- Prepare billing journals, verify usage and charges for all accounts
- Create billing files with correct file type and send to outsourced processor
- Check billing statements for accuracy prior to approving for mailing
- Post billing batch and check each route for unbilled accounts
- Research unbilled accounts and reason, follow-up if necessary
- Check and confirm miscellaneous fees such as impact, meter set fees, reconnect and admin charges on all accounts
- Verify City services are added and billing accurately on applicable accounts
- Review account classifications, service periods, bill codes and charges on all first bills
- Confirm auto draft is added to delayed accounts
- Manage damage claims from water and electric ops, bill accounts in GP Dynamics and NorthStar

Coordination and Communication Between Departments

- Schedule rereads, meter investigations and general service orders
- Frequent verbal and written communication with Metering, Water and Electric Ops regarding meter reads, missing meters, stopped meters and usage/read issues
- Frequent verbal and written communication with Customer Service regarding customer fees, services, auto-pay and COT issues
- Notify Customer Service and Conservation and Customer Solutions departments of customer water issues, such as high usage and continuous consumption. Send customer letters when applicable.

- Verify impact fees, meter set fees, D/R fees and damaged meter charges with New Construction Department, when needed.

Software and Basic Skills

- Proficiency in NorthStar CIS and GP Dynamics
- Proficiency MDM systems, such as MeterSense and Itron
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Exceptional time-management and multi-tasking ability
- Strong analytical skills, attention to detail, ability to identify trends and patterns of usage and discrepancies

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain regular attendance; leave schedule should be managed so as to not interfere with ability to accomplish tasks
- Adhere to NBU safety guidelines and practices at all times and in all situations
- Maintain a clean and safe work area, office, field site and vehicle as applicable
- Develop & maintain effective customer service skills for communications with co-workers, customers and the public in general
- Maintain strict confidentiality of business, employee and customer information in written and oral communications and safeguard sensitive documents
- Adhere to NBU policies and procedures
- Exemplifies NBU Core Values of Integrity, Stewardship, Team and Safety
- Participate in and support initiatives to reach annual NBU Performance Measures

Formal Education and Work Experience Requirements

Degree/Diploma Obtained: High School Diploma/GED

Field of Study: General Studies

Work Experience Time Frame: One Year or More

Other:

Certification and Licensures Requirements

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Other Minimum Qualifications

- One to two years of experience with NBU and a thorough understanding of billing cycles and policies required.
- Two years of billing experience occupying a position that utilizes strong analytical skills in any industry may be substituted for experience at NBU.
- Ability to operate various standard office machines with accuracy and dexterity.

Knowledge of Computer Software

	No Knowledge	Beginner	Intermediate	Expert
Arc GIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AutoCAD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crystal Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microsoft Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Microsoft Excel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microsoft Word	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microsoft Publisher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Microsoft PowerPoint	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Software Knowledge

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Experience with Machines, Tools, Equipment and Other Work Aids

Copier, fax, scanner, computer and calculator

Physical Demands

Standing: Rarely

- Making Presentations
- Observing Work Site
- Observing Work Duties
- Communication with Co-Workers

Fine Dexterity: Constantly

- Computer Keyboard
- Telephone Keypad
- Calculator
- Calibrating Equipment

Walking: Occasionally

- To Other Departments/Offices/Office Equipment
- Around Worksite

Lifting: Rarely

- Supplies
- Equipment
- Files

Carrying: Never

- Supplies
- Equipment
- Files

Sitting: Constantly

- Desk Work
- Meetings
- Driving

Reaching: Rarely

- For Supplies
- For Files

Handling: Frequently

- Paperwork
- Monies

Kneeling: Rarely

- Filing in Lower Drawers
- Retrieving Items from Lower Shelves/Ground

Pushing/Pulling: Rarely

- File Drawers
- Equipment
- Table and Chairs
- Hose

Climbing: Rarely

- Stairs
- Ladder
- Step Stool
- Onto Equipment

Vision: Constantly

- Reading
- Computer Screen
- Driving
- Observing Worksite

Foot Controls: Never

- Driving
- Operating Heavy Equipment
- Dictaphone

Balancing: Never

- On Ladder
- On Equipment

On Step Stool

Bending: Rarely

- Filing in Lower Drawers
- Retrieving Items from Lower Shelves/Ground
- Making Repairs

Crouching: Rarely

- Filing in Lower Drawers
- Retrieving Items from Lower Shelves/Ground

Crawling: Rarely

- Under Equipment

Inside Attics/Pipes/Ditches

Hearing: Frequently

- Communication Via Telephone/Radio/To Co-Workers/Public
- Listening to Equipment

Twisting: Never

- From Computer to Telephone
- Getting Inside Vehicle

Talking: Frequently

- Communication Via Telephone/Radio/To Co-Workers/Public

Other

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Environmental Factors

	Never	Seasonally	Several Times Per Year	Several Times Per Month	Several Times Per Week	Daily
Extreme Temperature (Heat, cold, extreme temp. change)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wetness and/or humidity (bodily discomfort from moisture)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respiratory Hazards (Fumes, gases, chemicals, dust, and dirt)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise and Vibration (sufficient to cause hearing loss)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical Hazards (High voltage, dangerous machinery, aggressive Customers)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Health and Safety Conditions

	Never (Never Occurs)	Rarely (Less than 1 hour per week)	Occasionally (1/3 or more of the time)	Frequently (From 1/3 to 2/3 of the time)	Constantly (2/3 or more of the time)
Mechanical Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chemical Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explosives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communicable Diseases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical Danger or Abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

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Primary Work Environment: Choose an item.

Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

Overall Strength Demands

- Sedentary - Exerting up to 10 pounds occasionally or negligible weight frequently, mostly sitting
- Light - Exerting up to 20 pounds occasionally, 10 pounds frequently, walking or standing often
- Medium - Exerting 20 - 50 pounds occasionally, 10 - 25 pounds frequently, or 10 pounds constantly
- Heavy - Exerting 50 - 100 pounds occasionally, 25 - 50 pounds frequently, or 10 - 20 pounds constantly
- Very Heavy - Exerting 50 pounds constantly

Non-Physical Demands

	Never	Rarely	Occasionally	Frequently	Constantly
Time Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Situations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequent Change of Task	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irregular Schedule/Overtime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performing Multiple Tasks Simultaneously	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working Closely with Others as Part of a Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tedious or Exacting Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noisy/Distracting Environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Employee Statement of Understanding

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I HAVE READ AND RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS JOB DESCRIPTION.

Employee's Signature

Employee's Printed Name

Date